

Minutes Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee October 19th, 2009

Present: B. Taylor, J. Papacosma, R. Brooks, E. Martz, L. Huntington, Planner C. Tukey

Minutes were approved as sent.

These important matters have surfaced:

1. We have a commitment to abide by the terms of our contract with the consultants.
2. We must designate village growth areas as specified in the Comprehensive Plan of 2005 or face a lengthy (2 year) process of Comprehensive Plan revision at the town level and also be prepared to prove to the state we cannot have them.
- 3.. We must choose a reasonable number of village areas (5 suggested by C. Tukey) that meet the criteria established by CPIC.
4. Villages and their boundaries need to be discussed with the public before we can proceed further.
5. It is time for CPIC to work with the Conservation Commission on a plan for the Town Land surrounding the Town Offices="Town District."
6. We may want to propose a building cap per year while we look further at the designation of growth areas.
7. The Committee needs to clarify that future growth is proposed adjacent to, not in, the town's most built-up areas.

It was MOVED and seconded that CPIC set aside the village concept and work on amendments to the Subdivision Ordinances. The motion was tabled.

John said we will plan a meeting in mid-November with the Conservation Commission to discuss the Town District.

Discussion of our CPIC visits to three areas in town stressed

1. It's hard to see where village areas begin and end, especially potential ones.
2. The charm of the town lies in its historic patterns of development, based on the days when children walked to school and members of the same family built homes close together.
3. The presence of lots and lots of trees, interspersed with randomly placed older homes gives the town the look we are committed to preserve.

Respectfully submitted, Louise Huntington

Next meeting Monday, November 2nd, at 3 p.m.